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In re Application of	:	
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Application No.: 09/868916	:	DECISION ON
PCT No.: PCT/JP00/05965	:	
Int. Filing Date: 01 September 2000	:	PETITION UNDER
Priority Date: 01 September 1999	:	
Attorney Docket No.: 210689US3PCT	:	37 CFR 1.137(b)
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This is a decision on applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed on 11 July 2001.

BACKGROUND

This international application was filed on 01 September 2000 and claimed an earlier priority date of 01 September 1999. The International Bureau transmitted a copy of the published international application to the USPTO on 08 March 2001. No Demand electing the United States was filed prior to the elapse of 19 months from the priority date. Consequently, the twenty period for payment of the basic national fee in the United States expired as of midnight on 01 May 2001. The international application became abandoned with respect to the United States for failure to timely pay the basic national fee.

On 11 July 2001, applicant filed the instant petition, accompanied *inter alia* by a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, a small entity basic national fee, and a small entity surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(e).

DISCUSSION

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20 (d)) required pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section. Requirements (2), (3) and (4) were previously satisfied.

Regarding requirement (1), the petition is accompanied by the required reply in the

form of the basic national fee.

Regarding requirement (2), the petition is accompanied by the required petition fee.

Regarding requirement (3), the petition includes an appropriate statement.

Regarding requirement (4), no terminal disclaimer is required because the international filing date of this application is later than 8 June 1995.

The \$130.00 processing fee for submitting the English translation of the international application after the elapse of 20 months from the priority date has been charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 15-0030.

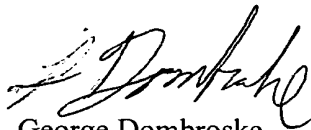
DECISION

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing. The date of this application under 35 U.S.C. 371 is **11 July 2001**.



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